

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BUDGET and APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2010
6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: dePara; co-chair, Curwen; co-chair,
Martinez, Brannelly, Silva

CITY STAFF: Tom Sherwood, Director, OPM

Co-chair dePara called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Committee Minutes of June 2, 2010 (Special Meeting); June 22, 2010 and July 12, 2010 (Special Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE THREE SETS OF MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

128-09 Modification of the state section of FY 2010-2014 Capital Plan to utilize LoCIP entitlement funds for roadway paving and City Beautification/Improvement projects including rehabilitation caused by recent storm damage (\$5,804,000).

Co-chair dePara updated that this item pertained to LoCIP entitlement funds for roadway paving and City Beautification/Improvement projects including rehabilitation caused by the recent storm damage.

Mr. Sherwood noted that LoCIP stood for *Local Capital Improvement Program*. He went on to say that there was \$5,804,000 available for two years. In March another \$2 million will be available. He explained that the theory was to try to accumulate the funds two years ago, not using LoCIP funds, but that thought changed through the years.

Council member Martinez referred to page 1 of the detail memo. She asked if they were using the monies indicated this year. Mr. Sherwood said yes.

Council member Martinez asked about the City Beautification Improvements. Mr. Sherwood said the improvements could consist of signage, lights, sidewalks, curbing etc. He noted that if the city owned it, the money could be used for those types of improvements.

Council member Martinez asked if there was a plan to fix sidewalks in the city. Mr. Sherwood replied yes; he said LoCIP funds couldn't be used for equipment though and whatever the funds are used for, must be city owned.

Council member Martinez asked if the committee would get to chose the streets that need improvements. Mr. Sherwood said yes. He added that the worst roads would be considered first.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

Co-chair dePara asked if the Public Facilities Department had specific city beautification programs or projects pending. Mr. Sherwood said yes, they came up with improvements that have already been done or will be done.

Co-chair dePara asked if the Public Facilities Director could keep the committee apprised about new improvement projects. Mr. Sherwood said that could be done.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services